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**NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY NAMED
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire Tom Colantuono announced today that New Hampshire Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Walsh has been selected by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to serve as Chief of the Customs Law Enforcement Division at the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in Washington D.C.

Walsh, who has been an Assistant United States Attorney in the Concord office since 1989, will be supervising anti-terrorism related criminal investigations involving money laundering, alien smuggling, and other related criminal matters, which are being conducted by more than 625 special agents and attorneys across the country in U.S. Customs Enforcement.

Walsh has also served as a Special Attorney for the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Racketeering Strike Force office in Boston in the 1980's, where he prosecuted the Bank of Boston and other New England financial institutions and their officers for failure to report over \$2.5 billion in currency transacted by the Angiulo organized crime family; as Deputy Chief of the Department's Asset Forfeiture Office in Washington, D.C.; and as a Special Attorney in Miami's 'Operation Greenback', investigating and prosecuting financial crimes relating to narcotics smuggling.

"While we will miss Pat's expertise from his years of practice, we are proud of his achievement," said U.S. Attorney Colantuono. "I'm sure that Pat will take some good old fashioned New Hampshire common sense with him as he goes to Washington D.C. It reflects well on Pat and on this office that DHS has placed this significant position in the hands of one of our own."

Walsh noted: “It is a real opportunity to become involved in exciting and challenging initiatives involving anti-terrorism and homeland security criminal investigations in this newly-created unit at the Department of Homeland Security. While I will miss the cases here in New Hampshire, I am looking forward to getting started on these new initiatives.”

Walsh begins his new position on May 3rd, 2004.

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